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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: Group Art Unit: 1742

PIERRE LE BRUN et al Examiner: S. Kastler

Serial No.: 09/926,289

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For: IMPROVED METHOD AND DEVICE FOR DEGASSING  
AND SEPARATION OF INCLUSIONS IN A LIQUID  
METAL BATH BY INJECTION OF GAS BUBBLES

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AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 13,  
2003, please amend the above-identified application as  
follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please add an abstract as appended hereto.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-16 without prejudice or disclaimer  
of the subject matter thereof, and add the following new  
claims: \_\_\_\_\_

17. (New) Device for the injection of gas bubbles into a  
liquid metal contained in a treatment volume, comprising at

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